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Town of Mammoth Lakes

Sustainability Best Practice Activities

Town of Mammoth Lakes

California communities are leading the fight against climate change. From small projects to large-scale programs, cities and counties are making great strides to create healthy, sustainable and economically prosperous communities. Participants in ILG's Beacon Program serve as leaders in this effort, making measureable contributions to reducing energy and greenhouse gas emissions, and sharing their sustainability best practices.

This document represents a collection of activities your agency has completed in 10 areas of sustainability. While local governments have a wide range of choices available to address climate change, these activities represent the unique opportunities and values in your community. These voluntary actions are essential to achieving California's goals to save energy, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and create more sustainable communities.

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Areas of Accomplishment		SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
	Agency GHG Reductions			
	Community GHG Reductions			
	Agency Energy Savings			
	Natural Gas Savings			
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities	2020		
	Beacon Vanguard Award			

Cities and counties throughout the Golden State should be proud of the accomplishments made through the hard work, innovation and collective community action. The Institute for Local Government applauds your achievements and thanks you for your continued participation in the Beacon Program.

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Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activities

Silver

1. The town provides various energy rates through Southern California Edison, such as domestic low-income, domestic seasonal, commercial and pumping rates.

Gold

Platinum





Water & Wastewater Systems Activities

Silver

1. The town's Stormwater Master Plan (SMP) includes a capital improvement program, stormwater operations and maintenance plan, public education and outreach, and a retrofit program. The priorities established under the SMP include a) minimize drainage issues and erosion, b) protect creeks and streams from stormwater runoff and c) effectively manage the town's stormwater infrastructure.

Gold

Platinum





Green Building Activities

Silver

1. The Mammoth Lakes Design Guidelines have a principle for the use of natural, regional materials, such as stone and timber and to reflect the natural setting and context.

Gold

Platinum





Waste Reduction and Recycling Activities

Silver

1. In 2017, the Town of Mammoth Lakes was awarded a grant from CalRecycle that funded outdoor bear-proof recycling containers and other equipment necessary to launch successful recycling programs within the community that benefit guests, residents and wildlife.

Gold

Platinum





Climate-friendly Purchasing Activities

Silver

1. Mammoth Lakes requires recycled-content office materials in city facilities.

Gold

Platinum





Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activities

Silver

1. The Resilient Mammoth Lakes adaptation strategy calls for the town to explore the feasibility of supply side diversification, resilient electrical distribution infrastructure, and facilitate access to local, decentralized renewable energy.

Gold

Platinum





Efficient Transportation Activities

Silver

1. Mammoth Lakes' Mobility Element strives for "feet first" transportation, which emphasizes and prioritizes non-motorized travel first, public transportation second and vehicle last.

Gold

Platinum





Land Use and Community Design Activities

Silver

1. The Town of Mammoth Lakes sought intensive community engagement for their “plan the parcel” project. The project is a 25-acre plot of land in the middle of town and will feature over 400 affordable housing units and walkways and bike trails.

Gold

Platinum





Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities

Silver

1. Mammoth Lakes is surrounded by the Inyo National Forest and has adopted mitigation measures to protect mature, healthy, native trees, which also sequester carbon.

Gold

Platinum





Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities

Silver

1. Every year, the Town of Mammoth Lakes holds a Defensible Space & Community Clean Up, which allows the community to protect their homes from wildfires by removing ground litter and trimming trees to create defensible spaces. The town provides free empty trash bags to fill up with green waste and dump free of charge. This event is coordinated with a community clean up around the town's streets, parks, public spaces and trails.

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